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Louisiana Students Still Hold Building; Police Action Hinted

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 6 (UPI) —A black liberation flag fluttered over the student-held administration building at Southern University today while school officials warned that the campus would be secured by the police.

Students at the predominantly black New Orleans campus of Southern continued a classroom boycott and ignored orders to clear out of the administration building they have held since last Wednesday.

Although the New Orleans branch has about 2,700 students, only about 150 were seen around the administration building.

A black student climbed atop a van and told a crowd: "Brothers and sisters, we've been inside this building since Wednesday. We haven't taken a bath since Wednesday. We eat when we can. We sleep in the same clothes, but we will hold the building."

The vigil in and around the building was aimed at forcing the resignation of the president of the Southern University system, G. Leon Netterville of Baton Rouge, and Emmitt Bashful, vice president of the system and head of the New Orleans campus. Both are black.

Militant black students also issued a list of demands to improve cafeteria service, to require broader black studies programs and to improve operation of the school.

At Southern's main campus in Baton Rouge, a classroom boycott was reported less than completely effective, but a rally was attended by 3,000 of the school's 8,300 students.